

When Riding On The Stormy Seas (Mark 6:45-56)

Proposition: There are some things that every Christian needs to know when riding the stormy seas of life.

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One of my favorite church songs is: Till the storm passes by. The corous goes; Till the storm passes over till the thunder sends no more till the clouds roll forever from the sky, help me fast let me stand... What a wonderful song and glorious but but when you are in the midst of the storm, when you are holding on for dear life it is easy to forget those bed rock truths of the Word of God that prove to be a guiding beacon in a stormy sea. Therefor there are some things that every Christian needs to know when riding the stormy seas of life #1.

I. Relent to the direction into Difficulty 15:45

What an amazing spiritual high. The people are ceesidering forcefully making Jesus their King. Jesus then diffuses the A. The Enforcer of the direction - He constrained. It is a phrase that indicates to compel by force. Jesus is forcing them away from celebration and glory. Forcing them away from comfort and ease and forcing them right into a life + death trial. So much for come to Jesus and every thing will be alright.

apply: often times when we are placed in

B. The Explanation of the objection

Why? John 6 tells us that they were about to make him King. That was not in the plan and the will of God! Not the way of a crown of God but a crown of thorns! This was a great spiritual high yet we will see soon that they are missing a lesson. Sometimes God allows trial to keep our feet on the ground. I heard a story about a man

II. Rely on an intercession at a Distance

One of the most blessed truths of the Bible is the intercessory role of Christ in the life of the Child of God. Clearly Proves

A. Interceding Prayer ¹⁵⁴⁶ It's interesting to note that the night before he chose his disciples in Ch 3 he went to a mountain to pray. And now when he takes his disciples he is praying again. He sees the difficulty of his disciples and approaches his Father on their behalf. Robert M McThayne: if He could hear Jesus praying for him in next room have all the confidence in world. That is what it has

B. Interceding Priesthood - What a beautiful picture of the gospel story Christ the bread of life broken to meet the need. Disciples sent on stormy seas. He ascends to mtn. Seas always

- 1) ...placed into trial and difficulty it may be at the hand of our Saviour.

He first kept his countenance and received
the last breath with composure and dignity. (I
should have been more than half dead before
such a death could have been inflicted upon me.)

- 2) I heard a story about a man called George Adam Smith who was an Old Testament scholar. One day Smith climbed the Weisshorn above the Zermatt Valley in Switzerland - some of you may have been there, I have been quite near to it. He went up there with his guide, and they made the ascent on the sheltered side of the mountain. When he got to the top he was so exhilarated with the thought that he had climbed it, and the view, the panoramic wonder before him, that he forgot about the gale. He threw his arms in the air and shouted with exhilaration, and the guide grabbed him, pulled him down, and said: 'On your knees! You're only safe up here when you're on your knees!'

1) John 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. John 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him: 2 msbA nglodB ballyr nucr a tuods vrota a bicead t (5) odzazewW erit bedmilið dflm2 yrb enO nglodhre jnemistast hIO ns erl vcm uoy lñ emoz - brushestiw2 ni vailleV jismer5 erit evode iw sñrdt qu tñew aH tñ erlnean erlup need evard t ,evardt need erl to a big beneftadz erit no trsosz erit abem yrdt bas ,ebiug zld w bletsilstenz az asw erl qot erl of tog erl nadW nglodnum hñtonoz erl ,wely erl bas tñ bedmilið bas erl jzrlt triguodt erl t werrt aH ,aH erl tuods tog of erl fert ,mirl maled 14bnow

2) ...at the end of their physical strength. Oft times that's where e udY we have to get to look to Him. ab mid ballyq ,mid bedding

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3) ...from the shore or the mountain, but the point of the storm is not the calming of it, it is seeing Christ in it! Seeing who

speak of separation. Hebrews 9 tells us that our Lord Jesus has now entered into heaven itself, and is before the Father. And soon will come for his own. He is also a sympathetic high priest that comes now.

In 14:18, ¹ And that's what happens.

III. Recognize the Encounter in the Darkness. The Lord Jesus not only interceded at a distance he is also involved + active in storms.

A. An Unexpected Encounter - Jesus came unto them during the 4th watch. This is between 3am - 6am. These men had been rowing and struggling for night vented for 8 hours. Then at the last moment he comes and hears many a sermon title: When hope all gone helps on the way. At the end of this ³

B. An Unprecedented Encounter - I have seen Mark put it "walking upon the sea" I am dropping, slipping, staggering, stammering. Something like this had never been seen before. In precedents, all three gospel accounts yield the same 3 words: Walking on top of the sea. He could have calmed the storm from the shore ^③

C. An Unusual Encounter - To say the least this was disconcerting to the disciples - The scared! This I believe has something to do with the phrase I would have passed by "Passed by" means to come near or along side. But because of their fear and

a ghost or Pandem, But still saw see now the
IV. Read to the Exhibition of His Deity - We
know from the gospel of John the boat
was immediately to the other side. Miracul
after miracul and yet VS 51-53

A. Read to who He is - Their hearts
were hardened. Hardened in the times of
Plenty hardened in the times of peril
concerning who he was! He was not just
some guy that could multiply bread and
walk on water He was God! The people
in VS 53-55 They did not see him walk on
water, instantly bring the boat to land
and calm the sea yet the partially recog
nized who he was. We can be so dull in
B. Read to what He can do. - VS 56

God help us to react to that ability
These people reacted in faith to
the ability of the one that they
did not know half as much as the
disciples did. What a lesson to
our hearts. What these folks were
doing was a rebuke to the disciples
They were coming in faith that the
disciples had yet to reveal. How hardnes

V. Closing - It is so sweet to trust
in Jesus. Just to take him at his word
Jesus told them they were going to the
other side. No matter what happens we
are in to the other side

1) Burkett - See how the disciples take their deliverer to be a destroyer: their fears were highest when their deliverer and deliverance were nearest. God may be coming with salvation and deliverance for his church, when she for the present cannot discern him. But it was also an unmistakeable encounter: It is I. Jesus is saying I AM. He was identifying Himself, this Jesus whom you follow is the Jehovah of the Old Testament, He is the Creator of the winds and of the waves and of nature. Only God, Job 9:8 tells us, 'spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea'. 'Be not afraid', and 'I am', would have brought to their minds: Isaiah 43:1-2 But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

2) ...dull in understanding despite the miracles God has performed over and over again in our lives!

3) ...hardened we can become to the ability and capabilities of Christ. I have found in even in my own life that that sometimes I preach things that I know to be true, and yet I so quickly forget in the greatest hour of need.